

RESIDENTIAL PICKETING PROHIBITION

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ryan D. Wilcox

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill concerns targeted residential picketing.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates the offense of targeted residential picketing;
- ▶ creates the offense of disclosing an individual's physical address with the intent to cause another individual to engage in targeted residential picketing; and
- ▶ imposes penalties.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

76-9-109, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-9-109** is enacted to read:

76-9-109. Targeted residential picketing.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Picketing" means the stationing or posting of one or more individuals to apprise

30 the public, vocally or by standing or marching with signs, banners, sound amplification
31 devices, or other means, of an opinion or a message.

32 (b) "Residence" means any single-family, duplex, or multi-family dwelling unit that is
33 not being used as a targeted occupant's sole place of business or as a place of public meeting.

34 (c) "Targeted residential picketing" means picketing, with or without signs, that is
35 specifically directed or focused toward a residence, or one or more occupants of the residence,
36 and that takes place:

37 (i) on that portion of a sidewalk or street in front of the residence, in front of an
38 adjoining residence, or on either side of the targeted residence; or

39 (ii) within 100 feet of the property line of the targeted residence.

40 (2) It is unlawful to engage in targeted residential picketing.

41 (3) This section does not apply to:

42 (a) an individual picketing at the individual's own residence;

43 (b) the picketing of a meeting place or assembly area commonly used to discuss
44 subjects of general public interest; or

45 (c) general picketing that proceeds through residential neighborhoods or that proceeds
46 past residences.

47 (4) It is unlawful to publish, post, disseminate, or disclose an individual's residential
48 address, or other information identifying the specific location of an individual's residence, with
49 the intent to cause another individual to engage in targeted residential picketing.

50 (5) Targeted residential picketing is a class B misdemeanor.

51 (6) A violation of Subsection (4) is a class B misdemeanor.